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# Resignation Confirmed

## Fitterer to be Chancellor

by Patty Hollinger  
Editor

The resignation of the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S. J., President of S.U., and his replacement by Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., was announced officially this morning during a press conference in the A. A. Lemieux library.

The announcement was made at 9:45 a.m. by the Very Rev. Joseph E. Perri, S. J., Executive Vice President and Religious Superior for S.U.'s Jesuit Community, who said the 47-year-old president resigned to become the first Chancellor of S.U.

**FR. PERRI** said Fr. Fitterer would remain chairman of the Board of Trustees after assuming the chancellorship Feb. 1. This is the first time the chairmanship will not be held by the University president.

The chancellorship, he said, was created by the Board of Trustees to allow the University

to "meet critical and immediate financial needs and to continue to serve its students and faculty."

Under Fr. Fitterer's five-year presidency the University's fund raising program was greatly expanded to meet the growing financial crises of private educational institutions across the nation.

**THESE ADMINISTRATIVE** moves are seen as "Phase I" in the restructuring of S.U.'s Board of Trustees and are consistent with the trend of limiting the powers of the University president.

It is speculated that within this academic year "Phase II" of this movement will place lay members on the now all-Jesuit,

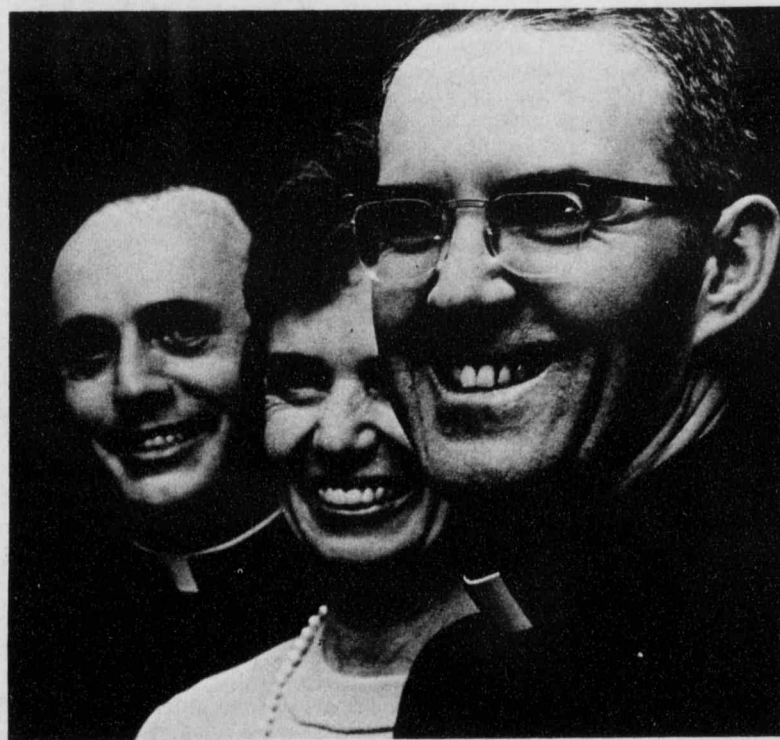
five-man Board of Trustees governing S.U. It was indicated that the lay membership of the Board would include both faculty and alumni representatives. However, the seating of a student representative remained uncertain.

Fr. Baker, 40, arrived on campus yesterday afternoon from Spokane's Gonzaga University where he has been influential in restructuring Gonzaga's Board of Trustees which now includes lay members.

**HE WAS** introduced to prominent members of the University community at a dinner and social hour last night in Loyola Hall.

During the dinner Fr. Fitterer announced that Robert O'Brien chairman of the Pacific Car and Foundry Co., had presented him with a donation of \$25,000. O'Brien heads S.U.'s Board of Regents.

At this morning's press conference Fr. Perri described Fr. (Continued on Page 3)



—photo by bob kegel

**NEW PRESIDENT:** Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., right, recently selected to become the fifth president of S.U., talked with the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., and Mrs. Robert O'Brien, wife of the chairman of the Board of Regents, at a banquet held in his honor last night.

## Optimism Key Word Among S.U. Trustees

by Art Reis

The appointment of Fr. Kenneth Baker as President of S.U. has brought mixed feelings to the University campus and many questions.

Some of them were put to members of the S.U. Board of Trustees this week.

The Very Rev. Joseph E. Perri, Executive Vice President,

Fr. Edmund Morton, Academic Vice President, Fr. Robert Rebhahn, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Fr. Francis Wood, Electrical Engineering Chairman, commented upon the sudden change.

**OPTIMISM** was the word of the day. In an interview, Fr. Perri tried to explain the change and the optimism.

"All jobs are only as effective as the people who fill them. I think that we are fortunate to have two very fine men who will fulfill their jobs well and who will cooperate very closely and work effectively together."

"I honestly don't anticipate any great problems in this regard."

"I feel that we have actually strengthened the job of the office of the president by providing him with a man who can devote himself almost exclusively to fund raising."

Why was Fr. Baker the man for right now?

"We, the trustees, felt that we should look for a president from outside the University rather than from within our own institution, although several Jesuits from S.U. were considered."

"We felt we wanted a younger man who had the credentials to fill the role as president at this particular time," he said.

**SPEAKING** from his office in Campion Tower, Fr. Rebhahn listed some of the reasons he felt both a change was made and why Fr. Baker was selected.

"Fr. Baker, while being a (Continued on Page 2)



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## Baker Views S.U. As Great Challenge

by Kerry Webster  
Executive Editor

Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., named this morning to become president of S.U., says he looks forward "with great joy" to becoming a "real academic leader for the University community."

In a telephone interview from Spokane, the 40-year-old theologian told The Spectator he felt great enthusiasm for his upcoming assignment.

"According to all the things that are said about college presidents," he said, "I should be apprehensive. But I look at myself and I find that I'm not. I think it's a great challenge to come into a place in which you

haven't been involved in past decisions and find out what's going on."

**FR. BAKER**, who has been involved in curriculum reform and institutional restructuring at Gonzaga, said he felt this background had prepared him for the type of leadership which will be expected of him at S.U.

"The trustees indicated to me that one of the reasons they invited me to take this position was that they were looking for

an academic leader, and they felt I had the qualifications," he said.

While head of the Theology department at Gonzaga, Fr. Baker sponsored a sweeping reform of that department's core requirements, and helped implement similar revisions in other areas. He was also instrumental in the recent introduction of laymen into the university's Board of Trustees, and the appointment of a student to the Board of Regents.

"My understanding, from the other trustees, is that we want to move in these same directions as soon as we conveniently can at S.U.," he said.

Fr. Baker cautioned, however, that restructuring of a university must be undertaken with deliberation.

"Re-incorporating the University along the lines of the charter we introduced at Gonzaga is a very complex and complicated legal process. It is very technical—I learned that much at Gonzaga. However, the S.U. trustees have studied our results, and they seem satisfied with them, and they want to move in this direction."

**NO IMMEDIATE** changes, academic or otherwise, are planned for the near future, however. Fr. Baker characterized his first few months at S.U. as a period of orientation.

"I come in as an outsider," he said, "so the first job I have to do in the first couple of months is to become acquainted with everyone and learn the strengths and weakness of Seattle U. After I get adequate information, then we'll see what decisions will have to be made (Continued on Page 3)



**FATHER KENNETH BAKER, S.J.**, newly appointed President of the University, is greeted at Seattle's Boeing Field by Fr.

Joseph Perri, S.J., Executive Vice President.

—photo by bob kegel

## Jesuit Leaders Praise Fitterer's Contributions

The Very Rev. Peter Arrupe, General of the Society of Jesus, and the Very Rev. John Kelley, Provincial of the Oregon Province of the Society of Jesus, have issued a statement commending the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., for his service to S.U.

Fr. Kelley concurred with the decision made by Fr. Fitterer and the Board of Trustees to appoint a new president.

**"WITH THE** selection of a new President, Fr. Fitterer, with his experience, will be in a position as Chancellor to devote all his time, energy and talents

to achieve a balanced budget for the University," said Fr. Kelley.

Fr. Arrupe sent his thanks for Fr. Fitterer's contributions to "academic excellence and actual social involvement" of S.U. He also noted the former president's dedication in gathering funds for the University.

Fr. Kelley concluded "All private colleges in the U.S. are afflicted with the specter of insufficient funds. It would be a tragic loss to this nation if they had to close their doors and the system of the state education alone remained."



# Campus Looks at it's "Full-Time" President

by Kathy McCarthy  
News Editor

What difference will a "full-time" academic president make in S.U.?

**THE SELECTION** of Fr. Kenneth Baker as University president and the resignation of the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., to assume the duties of Chancellor of the University is intended to streamline the office and allow more time for campus affairs.

Professor Jim McGuire, of S.U.'s School of Business, saw the previous arrangement as "one man attempting to hold down two jobs."

"Fr. Fitterer was working largely with the regents in fund raising, development and legislative action and devoted himself almost entirely to off-campus pursuits." Fr. Baker is being brought in to "fill the void" in the post of academic president.

McGuire said he would look to a "full-time internal president" for more carefully considered answers to questions raised by faculty and students. He hopes this will open channels of communication and prevent a repetition of such problems as the Dean Robertson

dispute.

ASSU president Dick McDermott feels "students can only benefit from the change."

"I'm sure Fr. President did what he could do in the area of meeting with students. He saw his priorities, I can't say whether he was right or wrong."

**HE FELT** the greatest student complaint was presidential inaccessibility — the president was an "unknown quantity."

Jim Tollefson, chairman of the Student Rights Committee, sees the need for reordering S.U.'s priorities and hopes the new president will do this.

**"WE'VE BEEN TRYING** to raise money to build a good school — this is backward — we should try to make this the best university academically as possible."

"Hopefully (the new president) will be able to let students know what's going on in the Administration and will be able to be more open in telling us what he thinks," when he isn't under so many outside pressures, Tollefson continued.

Tollefson hopes that Fr. Baker will be able to deal more directly with the campus, so that students may "come to know the man better."

# Gonzaga Views New President

by Bruce Countryman  
Editor,  
The Gonzaga Bulletin  
(special to The Spectator)

SPOKANE, Jan. 6—

Father Kenneth W. Baker is strong on will power, and maintains a determined stance on those issues he thinks important.

During discussions last year on revamping the legal status of Gonzaga University, for instance, Father Baker strongly advocated the transition from an all-Jesuit Board of Trustees to a combined Jesuit-lay board with a 5-to-4 Jesuit predominance.

**HE STAUNCHLY** opposed, however, the proposed deletion of the words "Catholic" and "Christian" from the bylaws and articles of incorporation of the university. Father Baker felt that deleting these words, a move considered to increase the possibility of state and Federal financial aid, would greatly jeopardize Gonzaga's autonomy and independence from state control.

Father Baker was influential in molding the current system of government at Gonzaga, on which all major policy decisions are made by the Jesuit-lay board, while ownership of the university remains vested in a board of nine Jesuits.

As head of the Theology department, he was also influential in reforming curriculum requirements during the last academic year. He strongly advocated dropping the 12-hour Theology requirements, making the courses elective in competition with all others offered. The curriculum committee eventually effected a compromise by lowering the requirement to six hours.

**FATHER BAKER** has been fairly active in a resurging student liturgy at Gonzaga, and is frequently called upon to speak in student forums, such as the micro-forum held on the recent Vietnam Moratorium Day October 15. He has also given frequent conferences at the Newman Club at Washington State

University in nearby Pullman, and is the principal organizer of weekly theology and philosophy seminars offered to Spokane area priests.

Square-jawed, energetic, and intense, Father Baker is respected and well-liked by students and faculty. Though a moderate in political and educational issues, he is very forceful in implementing those reforms in which he does believe.

"Some men are born great," Shakespeare says in Twelfth Night, "some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."

Father Baker definitely belongs to the second category. He should make a strong and capable president for Seattle University.

## Four Presidents Guided S.U. In Formative Years

Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., soon to become the fifth president of Seattle University, is also the 17th Jesuit chief administrator to serve here since the founding of the school in 1891.

Seattle College, a school for boys then located in what is now the Old Science building, received its incorporation papers in 1898, but its executives held the simple title of "Administrator" until 1936.

**IN THAT** year, Fr. Francis Corkery, S.J., became the first president of Seattle College. He started construction of the Liberal Arts building, the first major campus addition since 1893, began the School of Engineering, and began coed classes.

**HE WAS** followed at S.U. by Fr. Harold O. Small, S.J., who served from 1944-48. Fr. Small

added the School of Commerce and Finance, later the School of Business, as S.U.'s fifth major academic unit.

Fr. Albert A. Lemieux, S.J., became president in 1948. Shortly afterward, Seattle College became Seattle University. Most of the present campus facilities, including both dorms, Loyola Hall, and the Pigott and Bannan buildings, were built during his tenure.

Fr. John A. Fitterer, S.J., became president in 1965, after having served for many years as Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Under his direction, work on the A. A. Lemieux Library was completed, and the Connolly P.E. Center built.

**OF FOUR** former presidents, two, Fathers Lemieux and Fitterer, will still be active at the University.

## Trustees Voice Approval

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member of the Board of Trustees at Gonzaga, is very familiar with 'Jesuit University' operations.

"He is experienced in vital areas, such as core reforms and all phases of university academics."

**FR. PERRI** listed other reasons for choosing the Spokane educator:

"He has an excellent teaching record at Gonzaga, and he is young. I think that this is something that is needed today—we needed a young administrator so that he can relate more effectively to the students and staff of the University."

"He (Fitterer) recognized that it was impossible for him to carry on the two responsibilities, especially at this particular time when we are faced with

many serious financial problems.

"It became more and more apparent that he just couldn't devote his energy and time to that and still handle the ordinary needs of the University as its chief administrator.

**"THE TRUSTEES** came to the realization that we had to make some kind of division here. We found we would have to look for another man to be the president of the University, since Fr. Fitterer has demonstrated already that he is a pretty effective fund raiser.

"We felt we wanted to continue to use him in that capacity, and yet, at the same time, we felt we had to address ourselves to the internal operations of the University itself," Fr. Perri said.

Fr. Morton, a former Gonzaga president, said that he thought the change was definitely in the best interests of Seattle University.

Concurring with the other members interviewed, Fr. Morton explained that the financial situation of the University was of prime importance in the decision.

**FR. MORTON** added: "I feel that the first order of business will be a restructuring of the government at S.U. so that this type of sudden change in administration personnel won't happen again.

"It is vital that the University, as an entity, be separated from the Jesuit community."

Fr. Wood was brief in his comments. "All change is for the good," he said.

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*The Student Organizations  
of Seattle University welcome  
Father Kenneth Baker, S.J.,  
and extend congratulations to the  
Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J.,  
on appointment as Chancellor.*

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# The Fitterer Years: '65-70

by Marsha Green  
Asst. Exec. Editor

Five years.

The Fitterer years.

It was a period marked by what the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., himself called a time of "ceaseless change." The campus expanded, sprouting a new library and a modern physical education complex. Enrollment rose, then dropped, as the first of many tuition raises hit. Students demanded a greater voice in University decisions, and as the decade of the Sixties closed, it appeared that they were being heard.

The Fitterer years began one February day in 1965, with a surprise announcement remarkably similar to one being made today. Fr. John A. Fitterer, then 42 years old, was named the fourth president of Seattle University, succeeding the popular Fr. A. A. Lemieux, S.J.

Even before the new president had assumed the mantle of his office, he found himself and his University enmeshed in scandal. The issue was basketball—two S.U. players were suspended for failing to report a bribery attempt.

A happier event was the April groundbreaking for the new A. A. Lemieux Library. Construction began in May, and the building was scheduled for completion in September of 1966.

In a convocation for the outgoing Fr. Lemieux, it was announced that Catholic Memorial Field was for sale, and the seeds of the Connolly P.E. Complex were sown.

Trouble returned to plague the new president. Barely a day after he assumed office, Father Fitterer was faced with a new crisis. A Spectator investigative reporter had discovered that certain ASSU officers were using credit cards paid for by public relations funds to purchase meals at several expensive restaurants.

As tempers flared, the President declared a moratorium during which The Spectator agreed to print nothing further. When the time expired and nothing was resolved, the newspaper resumed its investigation. This time, in a front-page declaration, Father Fitterer ordered a permanent embargo on discussion of the issue. The Spectator responded with a blank editorial space.

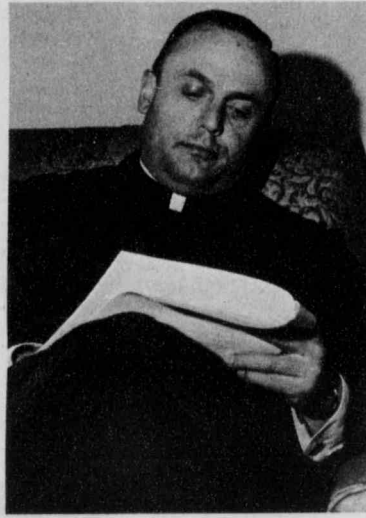
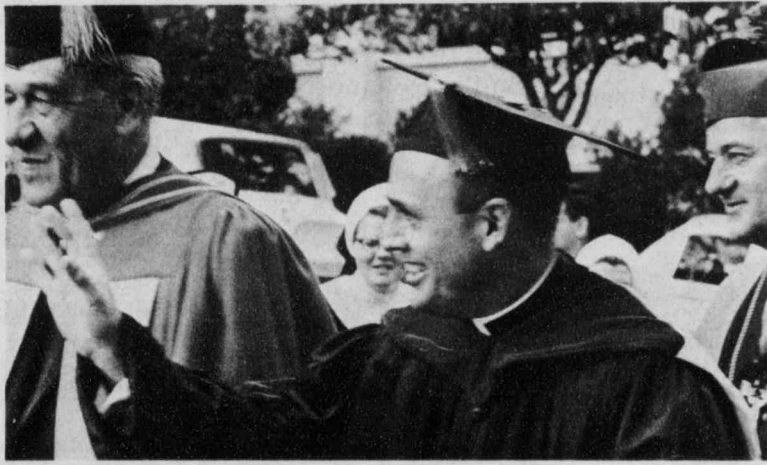
If you were a student on campus in that year, you were contemplating a tuition raise to \$225 a quarter. Men students were preparing to move into newly-completed Campion Tower, and the women were looking over the Bellarmine premises. The P.E. complex was mentioned more and more frequently, and it was rumored that the ASSU was planning to build a coffeehouse.

After a prolonged debate, Archdiocesan authorities finally granted Jesuit faculty the authority to offer Sunday mass on campus. A cement masons' strike halted work on the new library. The Chieftains defeated Texas Western, and handed the NCAA National Champions their only loss that year.

S.U. celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1966 to grim news; enrollment was down another 13.5%; tuition was up 40%.

In a tradition-shattering appointment, Father President named a layman, William A. Adkisson, as vice president for business and finance.

"We hope the naming of laymen to administrative positions within the University will be a continuing trend," he said.



Enrollment rose in the fall of 1967, but, at a special assembly in the old gym, Father Fitterer announced another tuition hike, this one to \$350.

"Our hallmark," he said, addressing the students, "is to show in an age of skepticism that religious ideals can prosper on a campus noted for academic freedom."

Academic Freedom, however, was to form the basis for another bitter dispute within the S.U. community. Ronald Rousseve, a young assistant professor of education, wrote an opinion article for The Spectator, declaring his belief in what he called "responsible pre-marital sexual experimentation."

Suppression of the article by the Spectator moderator, acting on orders from Father Fitterer, created a storm of controversy that raged for months, until Rousseve finally was forced to leave.

The heated dispute created rifts between the President, the students, and many faculty members that he was never quite able to repair.

Enrollment dropped again in fall of 1968, and Father Fitterer, in his State of the University address that December, outlined a number of austerity measures which he said must be taken to solve the financial problem.

Among the effects of what the president called "belt-tightening" was the lopping off of one story from the half-completed P.E. Complex, eliminating a swimming pool, handball court, classroom and one multi-purpose gym.

Later in the year, Marycrest, a freshman women's dorm at Broadway and Cherry St., was closed as an economy measure. The displaced girls moved to Bellarmine, and two floors of Senior women moved to Campion, a liberalization hailed by student leaders.

Soon after the Marycrest closure, the College of Sister Formation succumbed to the thinning budget, as the doors of the suburban Issaquah campus were closed for good.

Dr. James Robertson, dean of the School of Business, provided Father Fitterer's final public crisis, with his angry resignation. He charged that University fiscal mismanagement was hurting the growth of his otherwise successful school.

In the fall of 1969, the decline of enrollment was somewhat less, and a new constitution gave impetus to an increasingly active student body.

Father Fitterer, meeting with informal groups of students, assured them of University cooperation in the search for reforms on various levels, including reconstitution of the Board of Trustees.

A dream became a reality for Father Fitterer in November of this year, with the dedication of the completed Connolly P.E. Center. The president had kept a close watch on its inception and planning.

Other dreams had been fulfilled in those five years. New degree programs, such as the Master of Business Administration course, the Master of Religious Education program, and the Master of Science in Engineering program, all came into being during Father Fitterer's tenure.

Five long years ago, Fr. John A. Fitterer, S.J., a young administrator about to assume the presidency of a growing University, took a look around his new responsibilities and commented to a reporter that the job seemed almost too big for one man.

Today, as he prepares to step down to make way for a sharer of the burden, his unintentional prophecy is complete.

## Fr. Baker Appointed President

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Baker as an "eminent and distinguished educator, dedicated to leading our students and faculty in the scholarly advancement of a purposeful Christian education."

Fr. Baker, who presently is chairman of Gonzaga's theology department, is being brought in as an "academic" President. As a recent faculty member it is expected that he will be especially attuned to the needs of the faculty and students.

Fr. Baker said at last night's dinner that he was trying to contact Gonzaga's Fr. Vincent Beuzer, S.J., in Rome to replace him as department chairman.

**IN AN INTERVIEW** Tuesday, Fr. Fitterer said he decided to resign now since the pressure of both fund raising and administering the University had be-

come too great for one man this past year.

As Chancellor his sole duty will be raising funds which will eventually provide S.U. with an endowment. During a fall quarter conversation he said a \$10 million endowment would stabilize S.U.'s financial future.

**THE DECISION** to split the duties of the President was made in mid-December. However, the public announcement was held until the students returned to campus this week.

Fred Cordova, who handles the University's press relations, said the University wanted the students and faculty to be the first to know of the new appointments.

News of the administrative change leaked to a Seattle Times reporter. The Times' story, which appeared Monday

evening, remained unconfirmed until this morning.

**FR. FITTERER** came to S.U. in 1955 as an associate professor in classical languages and philosophy. He became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1956 and served until April 1965 when he succeeded the Rev. A. A. Lemieux, S. J., as president.

Fr. Baker is a Tacoma native and graduated from Bellarmine Prep there. He was ordained in Innsbruck, Austria, in 1960 and received his Ph.D. in religious studies from Marquette in 1967.

He is a Trustee at Gonzaga and active on their Faculty-Student Publication Board and Curriculum Review Committee.

The text of Fr. Fitterer's statement at this morning's press conference appears on page four along with an interview.

## Baker Feels Rapport With Students, Faculty Essential To President's Job

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about the University's academic future."

Fr. Baker expressed satisfaction with the creation of the post of Chancellor, a position designed to free the University president from his traditional fund-raising obligations.

"This is a tremendous advantage, to be able to concentrate solely on the academic field as president," he said. "I wouldn't accept the job if I had to do everything that Fr. Fitterer had to do. It's impossible. Now, Fr. Fitterer and I will be able to split the job between us."

**CREATING** rapport with students and faculty will be essential elements of his new job, Fr. Baker said.

"The University exists primarily for the students, and an administrator is supposed to

create a climate in which faculty can teach and research, and students can grow intellectually, morally, and as persons."

**IN ACCEPTING** S.U.'s top position, Fr. Baker leaves a long career as a teacher, most of it spent at Gonzaga.

"I'm really happy with teaching, and I really leave the classroom reluctantly," he confided, "because I love to teach. But I feel I am being called to S.U. to lead the school academically, to provide an atmosphere in which students and faculty will both be able to do what they are supposed to do, and what they want to do."

"I'm looking forward with a great deal of interest to find out just what makes Seattle University tick."



# Fr. President Explains Resignation Reason

The following is the text of the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer's S.J., President of S.U., statement at this morning's press conference in the library.

Fr. Fitterer said in an interview Tuesday that he wrote it in December while flying back to Seattle from Texas. Upon his arrival he submitted it to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

The text follows:

**"HIGHER EDUCATION** today has become both gigantic and jet aged. Unfortunately, we college and university presidents face our Herculean tasks of institutional leadership without the mythical advantage of that precious, vanishing commodity called Time.

"The campus crisis is very real. Ask any president and you will meet an overworked administrator buffeted by external and internal pressures. Most of us presidents enjoy the challenges of our work. All of us regret that we have less and less time for the central purpose of our institutions, which is to teach, inspire and assist our students to become more learned citizens. In these days of campus turmoil we need to remind ourselves that this is what education is all about.

When the president becomes too busy to serve, lead and inspire the students and faculty under his solemn charge, then one must do some soul-searching to resolve that dilemma.

**"MY SOUL-searching** tells me I have been dean of our College of Arts and Sciences for nine years and president for the past five. No one will dispute the evidence of increased academic excellence and physical growth during those years. Seattle University and we Jesuits are committed to Seattle and the Pacific Northwest as long as we are needed and wanted by our fellow citizens.

"Our alumni as well as our faculty and students are involved in the business, professional, political and cultural life of this region at all levels.

"We need great universities in the Northwest, public and private, to help solve our modern urban and suburban crises. We need institutions like Seattle University to continue search-

ing and researching divine as well as human truths in these troubled times.

"I cherish the part I have had these past 14 years in our exciting growth as well as my association with our regents, faculty, students, alumni and friends. I am proud to have been president of this University.

**"BUT I AM** also a realist. Seattle University, like many private institutions across our nation, faces an uncertain financial future. Our credit has been good thanks to the generosity of our friends and sound management practices.

"But the time has now arrived to build an endowment against that uncertain financial future. Our rapid and successful growth—both physical and academic—has prevented our setting aside funds for increased financial aid to needy students, institutional research, sound investment programs and special community action projects.

"The Board of Trustees, the Board of Regents and I have decided that I should concentrate all my time and energy on building this endowment as the solid base for present needs and future development. I believe the reasons for this choice are obvious. I pledge my wholehearted support to my successor, the Very Rev. Kenneth Baker, S.J.

**"I WILL** continue my service on the many national, regional, state and local boards and committees as needed or desired in keeping with this new position. Needless to say, I will miss my official relationship with our vice-presidents and deans, our faculty, staff and particularly with our fine students as well as our alumni and friends. I sincerely hope that some of that precious new time can be spent informally with everyone on campus.

"I accept this new challenge as chancellor with enthusiasm and dedication. We must not fail. Seattle University must become an ever greater jet-aged educational giant that cherishes God, social justice and our fundamental freedoms and passes these on to tomorrow's educated leaders."

# Fitterer Discusses Change

by Patty Hollinger  
Editor

Last night at the Loyola Hall dinner the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., President of S.U., circulated among his guests.

Smiling, handsome, polished—he was the man who had become synonymous with the struggle of S.U., and all other privately funded educational institutions, to keep their schools financially solvent.

But Tuesday afternoon, as he relaxed in his quiet mahogany paneled office, he was a very different man—the public face was dropped. It seemed the quiet after the storm in that white carpeted office—the hurricane had passed.

**"I'M TIRED,"** he said quietly. "You know I'm only human."

He settled back into his chair and continued: "Nobody's mad at me—I'm not unhappy."

"I don't have to be President to be happy, just as long as I can be here or somewhere where there is a lot of action."

**HIS FOUR** years and nine months did not seem to have weighed too hard on him as he sat there. However, he seemed different from the "Smiling Jack" we had known for the past five years.

Obviously he had rested over vacation but it was much more. The pressure was off, the tension gone and his guard let down.

"I decided this (to resign) the day we dedicated the Archbishop Connolly Center," he said.

**"I FELT** that now we had this out of the way and we didn't have any immediate building needs—so let's go out and do some of the wonderful educa-

tional things such as scholarship and faculty research—some of the things that make a great University."

He indicated that a major changeover in the University's administration had been planned for some time.

"So I decided let's get the new President now—not so during the next six months I have to come back at night and work half the night making decisions."

"I didn't want to live this frantic life I've had to live just this past year."

S.U.'s financial plight hung heavily in the air as he spoke of his efforts to provide financial stability for S.U., which is plagued with a problem facing most privately funded educational institutions—rising tuition and decreasing enrollment.

"It is imperative to the development program of this institution," he said, "that my efforts to supplement it must begin immediately. I just didn't want to wait any longer than I had to to put all my energies and time into this number one priority."

Optimism was a characteristic of Father President and Tuesday it was evident that this had not changed.

**"I'M STILL** very optimistic about the future of this University in its undergraduate and its modest graduate program. What it needs now is strong academic leaders who will work with student and faculty organizations and accomplish this."

Realism was tempering the optimism as he added: "As

you know, in our society most of the goals and ideas can not be accomplished without adequate funds.

"Hopefully during the next three to five years we will be able to make our financial security such that we can accomplish these educational goals.

"For a University to operate in a fiscally responsible way a Chancellor should endeavor to build an endowment with the help of the Board of Regents, the community, and friends of the institution.

**"IF AMERICA** is to have a dual system of education," Fr. Fitterer said, "I predict that S.U. will, in this region, continue to be one of the strong institutions."

That is a depressingly large "If" — especially when it must rest on a bank balance.

Fr. Fitterer's noted success in raising funds has been cited frequently. He said Tuesday that he enjoyed the executive role of the Presidency — a role which does not appeal to the majority of the academically oriented Jesuit community.

Leaving his office, which for once was devoid of secretaries and assistants, he was asked if he planned to take a vacation before becoming Chancellor.

"Well," he answered slowly, "I have the first million to raise but after that we'll see."

Today's Spectator is a special issue concerning the resignation of the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., President of S.U., and his replacement by the Rev. Kenneth Baker, S.J.

The first regularly scheduled issue of The Spectator will appear Tuesday, January 13.

## O'Brien Voices Agreement With Presidential Choice

Robert O'Brien, chairman of S.U.'s Board of Regents, announced today that the Regents had concurred with the appointment of Fr. Kenneth Baker to the S.U. presidency during their Dec. 16 meeting.

Stating that "no challenge is greater than adequate financing," O'Brien said that the Regents recommended the Very Rev. John A. Fitterer, S.J., remain chairman of S.U.'s Board of Trustees.

O'Brien, who is chairman of the Pacific Car and Foundry Company, said the Board supported the "courage and determination of Seattle University's administrators in facing realistically their solemn charge."

He said the 16 member Board, composed of prominent Washington businessmen and women, was looking forward to assisting Fr. Fitterer in his efforts, as the new chancellor, to endow S.U.

## Future Forums

Marketing Club: 11 a.m. meeting in P306.

FRIDAY

Prospective law school students: Larry Harvey, assistant dean of the Willamette University Law School, will be interviewing students at 2 p.m., P154.

TUESDAY

Political Union: Dr. Roy Prosterma, professor of political science at the U.W., will speak on the "Vietnam Land Reform Issue" at 11 a.m. in the Lemieux Library Auditorium.

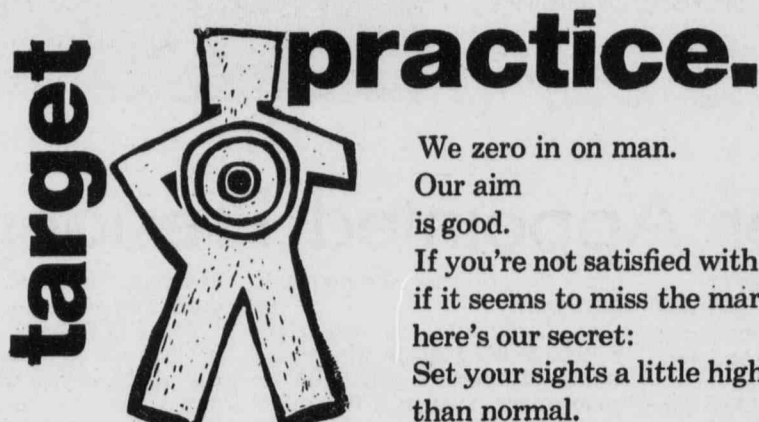


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